Formation of cadre for doctors

†2677. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Dilli ke sarkari Asptalo mein doctor bhi theke par", which appeared in the 'Rashtriya Sahara' dated 9th July, 2002;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that neither any cadre for doctors has been created in Government Hospitals nor permanent job has been given to them; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The news item mainly relates to doctors working under the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi on *ad-hoc* or contract basis. 'Public Health' is a State List subject. The Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi has made these *ad-hoc* or contract appointment of doctors without consulting the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. This Ministry does not maintain data on doctors appointed by the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi on contract/*ad-hoc* basis. As per available information the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi has engaged six consultants for formation of separate Delhi Health Cadre.

Increase in fake drug business

2678. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the business of fake drugs is increasing in the country particularly in Delhi since the last few years;

(b) if so, whether laxity in various laws, slow litigation and light punishment are the main causes of increase in number of fake drugs business;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.